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WEATHER.
 WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—Indications for lower Michigan, Indiana and Ohio—Fair, with wind.

SPRINGERS SPEECH.
 Mr. Springer's definition of protection is as clear as mud. To him it is something involved and intangible that requires an unabridged dictionary to supply words to describe it. To the average intelligent workman protection is so simple that in response to the question, what is it? he jingles the dollars in his pockets and points to the factory where he earns them.

If Mr. Springer had attempted to tell his hearers what free trade is he would have needed a stereopticon to picture the miasma common to English workmen's homes. He preferred, however, to tell them that the theory of free trade contemplated cheaper loaves and plumper fishes. He did not point to the magnificent poverty of European trade centers nor to the matchless stagnation of British industry. He told his hearers that protection robbed them of their hard earned dollars, while the smile of prosperity lightened every American forehead. He did not apostrophize the present; but he gloried in the future when free trade and stagnation shall usurp the places of protection and prosperity.

Mr. Springer exerted himself to impress as truth that which the very clothes he wore proved to be false. He talked altogether of cheapness. He pleaded for cheaper clothes through free wool. He told what would be ridiculed what is. His speech was pleasant to the ears of those who believe that it is more patriotic to give a foreign wool grower fifty cents for his wool than to provide means whereby an American can earn a dollar. It will have confirmed some free trade heresy, but none will be less firmly pledged to protection by his utterances.

PEN VS. SWOOL.
 Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, is determined that the people shall see the soldiers parade during the dedicatory ceremonies. General Miles, who is in command, had decided that the military display should be confined to one of the parks where a grand review would be held. Mr. Medill insisted that the great masses of the people would be denied the pleasure of witnessing the most attractive feature of the ceremonies unless the soldiers paraded through the principal streets. General Miles was obdurate and refused to be moved from his original stand. Medill was equally obdurate in his purpose to have the parade. He drove the general from one excuse to another until as a last ditch the general declared that the expense would be too great. Then Mr. Medill without a moment's hesitation retorted "I will pay every cent of it myself!" This was a poser for the general, and having no other subterfuge behind which to array unthought-of and unreasonable objections to the parade, he assented the great and generous editor that he would give his magnificent offer immediate and favorable consideration. Here is another convincing example of the truth of the axiom—"The pen is mightier than the sword."

Mr. Medill is just now a bigger man in Chicago than Christopher himself.

CHANGING TACTICS.
 As the campaign progresses the democrats are becoming more reconciled to the inevitable. They see defeat staring them in the face and they are anxious to avert it. The fact that the masses are convinced that the McKinley bill confers inestimable benefits upon them is so apparent that they have modified their tactics. Protection is not so much of a fraud as it was when the Chicago convention was held but free trade is not and never was free trade.

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American labor will be exposed to the competition of cheap foreign labor; they will raise revenue direct and protect incidentally. So long as the tax must be paid, why not make the foreigner pay it and give our workmen the benefit of any doubt as to its wisdom and beneficence.

HAVING made a careful inquiry into the condition of the county jail, the committee appointed by the board of supervisors for that purpose, reports that the building is infested with vermin. This report is confirmatory of the charge made by THE HERALD and which was indignantly denied by Sheriff McQueen. It is a measly subject to discuss and perhaps it would be well to let Sheriff McQueen enjoy whatever pleasure there may be in permitting the prisoners to entertain their undesirable guests.

MR. CLEVELAND declined the invitation to be present at the dedication of the world's fair buildings. In doing so he stated his reasons to be that he recoiled from an opportunity to gain political advantage while his opponent was detained at the bedside of his sick wife. He is a mean partisan who, under the circumstances, would seek to asperse the character of the man, or to condemn his act as sinister and selfish.

PRESIDENT WESTON telegraphs from Chicago that any person from Michigan who will apply for one, will be given a free ticket for admission to the world's fair grounds on Friday. This liberal provision knocks out all the proud distinction conferred by the presentation of those handsomely engraved "complimentary" passes.

JUDGE PERKINS is going against the record. The endorsement of a man named Moulton, a patent law pettifogger, who poses as a horny-handed son of endeavor, by the democrats, leaves the idea of a race out of the question. The duties of probate judge require the exercise of great legal ability and an acquaintance with practical business methods.

If you go to Chicago to witness the dedication ceremonies, do not try to see everything. Take a good position at an advantageous point and wait for the procession. You will see more by so doing than in trying to cover two points at the same time. You cannot see all there is to be seen. Be satisfied to see one-third of it.

RISEING to the dignity of the opportunity The Democrat yesterday declared that Mr. Reid's letter of acceptance "reads like an editorial." Unless readers of that newspaper make comparisons with other newspapers they will be obliged to take The Democrat's statement as a bit of sensational truth.

MR. SPRINGER's voice was clammy with unshed tears as he deplored the hard times now upon us. Mr. Springer might find a consoling sigh in the fact that our people have money enough to visit the world's fair dedication and to pay for the use of the hall in which he spoke.

THIS morning's dispatches contain a graphic and complete description of one of the most brilliant events to be given in connection with the dedicatory ceremonies. It was a scene of regal splendor, intensified in degree by the presence of the world's fairest and best.

IT costs \$9 for a five-minute talk between Chicago and New York over the new long distance telephone wire. It isn't probable that the wire will be kept hot from the New York end.

WITH the Grand Rapids furniture industries in the most prosperous condition they have ever been, Mr. Springer will have trouble in convincing our manufacturers that they could do better under free trade.

CHICAGO is full. The spree will end on Saturday. The gates of the world's fair will be closed, but saloon doors will be open. The crowd will not remain over Sunday, hence Chicago will be sober on that day.

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OLD BOYS IN BLUE

The Sixteenth Infantry and Seventh Michigan Cavalry
 HELD THEIR ANNUAL REUNIONS

Yesterday—One Had a Banquet at the Eagle Hotel and the Other at the Bridge Street House.

The headquarters of the Seventh cavalry was in the Bridge Street house where Landlord Rice made the veterans very much at home. The business meeting was held at 2 o'clock in A. O. Hall on Ottawa street. There were present at this reunion the following persons: J. Q. A. Sessions, Company D, Ann Arbor; George H. Fretz, Company H, Lawton; Andrew Westcott, Company I, N. R. Adams; George Herrington, Company D, Kalamazoo; Col. A. C. Litchfield, Petoskey; William O. McMurphy, Company G, Saginaw; A. J. McCann, Company G, Egan; Adelbert Kent, Company D, Paris; William H. Fisher, Company A, Detroit; George W. Hill, Company G, Detroit; Daniel McNaughton, Col. Geo. G. Briggs, Grand Rapids; Maj. George K. Newcomb, Saginaw; Clark M. Boardley, Company F, Marquette; Roy Suter, Company A, M. D. Cellius; Chas. Reynolds, Company D, Newaygo; Byron Stevens, Company I, Fremont; E. R. Havens, Company I, Lansing; William Hawthorne, Company B, Big Beaver, Oakland county; Charles Clark, Company E, Birmingham; Ralph Dickson, Company D, Grand Ledger; David Foote, Company H, Mason; Oscar Reynolds, Company I, Grand Ledger; George Payne, Company D, Evans; Isaac Hess, Company B, Diamond Lake; Nathaniel Space, Company F, Grand Ledger; W. W. Bayne, Company E, Danville; Daniel L. Hale, Company B, Hersey; Addie R. Knight, Company L, Milton; Horace H. C. Ewing, Company A, Center P. O., Eaton county; Evan Henderson, Company B, Grand Rapids; John Lagman, Company H, Fulton; William C. Gordon, Company G, Battle Creek; William A. Griffin, Company I, Augusta; F. M. Seale, Company K, Orangeville; A. H. Dickinson, Company E, Munising; Alger county; James E. Edwards, Company A, Belmont, Van Buren county; Dr. A. B. Isham of Cincinnati, historian of the regiment, is registered at Sweet's hotel; Col. William D. Mann of New York, first colonel of the regiment, is at the Morton house and is accompanied by his daughter. This is his first meeting at any reunion of the regiment.

Found the Old Camp.
 In the morning at 10 o'clock the regiment visited the old camping ground near the present site of the U. S. A. home. The whole territory from Prospect street east was a good patch when the camp was pitched there and some of the veterans found difficulty in locating the exact location of their tents, though a few were tolerably certain that they found the exact spot on which they slept thirty years ago.

Most of the afternoon was spent in the A. O. H. hall listening to Dr. A. B. Isham read the history of the regiment. The historian was very exhaustive in his treatment of the subject. At 5 o'clock the following officers were elected: President, W. D. Mann, New York; Secretary, J. Q. A. Sessions, Battle Creek; historian, Dr. A. B. Isham, Cincinnati. The vice-presidents were elected one from each company and were not announced.

A large number of the old boys of the Seventh Michigan cavalry assembled in the dining room of the Bridge street house at 8:30 last night to partake of a banquet. Resident W. B. Mann of New York acted as chairman. He opened the proceedings with the statement that he could not speak at that particular time and that the most interesting thing he could say was "Comrades fair too." After the banquet dinner was served and the speakers followed.

Colonel Briggs as Toast Master.
 At the conclusion of his speech the colonel called on Colonel Briggs of this city to act as master of ceremonies. The colonel was greeted with cheers when he arose to address his old comrades. He created considerable amusement by his reference to the incidents of army life.

Albert Crane was called for and said he could remember a good many incidents connected with the old Seventh cavalry and particularly the colonel. He paid a brotherly tribute to the gallantry of Colonel Briggs.

General Litchfield of Petoskey referred humorously to the relation of the army officer and the private.

Colonel Briggs said he would call upon Dr. Isham to tell how it felt to be a doctor. The doctor was not present twice during his service in the army. The first time he was shot in the abdomen. He thought he had received a mortal wound and his whole life came up before him like a panorama. From the excitement he suffered little pain but when the fever set in he suffered excruciating pain.

Other Toasts.
 Major Newcomb responded to the sentiment, "Our Absent Comrades." He said if the absent comrades meant those who were alive and not present on that occasion, he felt sorry for them for not being there. If those who were dead were meant, he knew what to say. Their lives had been an example of usefulness to the rising generation. At the suggestion of Colonel Mann the party arose and with bowed heads paid a silent tribute to their comrades who had passed over the river.

Secretary J. Q. A. Sessions then responded to "How It Seems now to be a Soldier." He was able to respond to that sentiment. The nearest he ever came to being shot was when he was passing through a field with a big white felt hat. The hat was shot from his head and he never saw it afterward.

Captain Fisher spoke of rallying around the staff officers.

Private Wescott was called upon to sing "Marching Through Georgia," which he did, the assembly joining in the chorus.

Private Wescott sang the song of "The Army Melody" and short addresses were made by several members of the organization. After "Still Old Acquaintances Be Forgotten" was sung the assembly broke the banquet adjourned.

President, J. Q. A. Sessions, and the executive committee, Albert Crane, Maj. George K. Newcomb, Lieut. Edwin R. Havens, and George H. Fretz and Capt. William Fisher. The next

IN FILTH AND DIRT

How Kent County Prisoners Fare in the Jail.

A DISGRACE TO THE COUNTY
 The Board of Jail Inspectors Report in Regard to the Unsanitary Condition of the County Jail.

At the meeting of the board of supervisors yesterday morning the report of Judge Perkins, County Agent Hathaway and the superintendents of the poor, composing the board of jail inspectors was read. The inspectors made their examination of the county jail October 10 and found the following condition of things: During the past year there have been 925 prisoners confined in the jail of whom 110 were females. The offenses charged number fifty-eight. Drunkenness leads with 55. Then larceny claimed 140, drunk and disorderly, 100; vagrancy, 53; disorderly, 56; breach of the peace, 30; assault and battery, 19; insane persons, 17; assault, 12; truancy, 13. Each of the other charges claimed less than ten victims each. There are now forty-one in the jail. Twenty are held for trial, nineteen are serving sentence, two are under 16 years of age, and three are awaiting commitment. Only such as are under sentence for violation of the city ordinances are required to perform manual labor.

The condition of the bedding is reported to be unclean and insufficient, the cells not free from vermin, the halls unclean and the water closets in bad condition. Prisoners under 10 years of age are, owing to the crowded condition of the jail, permitted to mingle with the older prisoners, this also applies to prisoners held on a civil process. Male and female prisoners are kept separate. The report states that the jail is antiquated and altogether too small. The sanitary arrangements are extremely poor, and the provision for females, children and insane persons inadequate and insufficient and without remedy owing to the construction and arrangement of the jail.

The inspectors recommend that the rear or cell portion be torn down and rebuilt on an enlarged and modern scale. As now constructed the jail is a disgrace to Kent county, a menace to the health not only of its inmates, but a source of public peril in times of pestilence.

Routine Matters.
 The protest of the Krutier Milling company against an assessment on the Casanova elevator was reported adversely by the committee on rejected taxes. Adopted. The same committee reported favorably on the request of C. L. Harvey for an extension of \$30.25 for taxes paid by him and refunded and the report was adopted.

The committee to whom was referred the application of the township of Lowell for the tax which A. J. Bowne paid to the city of Grand Rapids on stock which he owned in the Lowell bank reported in favor of allowing the claim and the report was adopted.

The committee on justice, sheriff and constable bills reported the allowance of \$4,514.26 on those bills. Sheriff McQueen was allowed \$4,343.35 of this amount.

A bill of \$709.65 from the city for the care of patients with contagious diseases was cut down to \$412.07 and allowed.

The clerk was instructed to draft a petition asking that the alley south of the court house be paved with asphalt and that a committee of three be appointed to circuit the petition. It was made a special order for today and the board adjourned until this morning at 9 o'clock.

Opinion of the Jail.
 Dr. Bradford, who visited the jail with the supervisors yesterday was heard to remark that he had visited hogging camps and mining camps many times in his life, but he never before saw so filthy a abode for human beings as the Kent county jail.

Tobacco Thieves Arrested.
 C. H. Daniels and William Harrison, cigar makers, were arrested by Patrolman Duga on Canal street last night on suspicion of larceny. They had in their possession a pair of fine-cut tobacco and several packages of the weed which they were trying to sell. Daniels and Harrison would not tell the officer how they obtained their goods and the general actions of the fellows convinced him that it was stolen property. When questioned about the matter at police headquarters they would give no definite account of how they got the tobacco and they were locked up for investigation. They were partially drunk when arrested.

Delinquent Taxes for 1890.
 The petition of the auditor general for the sale of lands in Kent county for delinquent taxes for the year 1890 was received and filed by the county clerk yesterday. The list of delinquents followed by the county clerk has been to subpoena upon each delinquent, but the expense attached to the proceedings was so great that the matter was referred to the attorney general for a remedy. It was decided that a personal notice is not necessary so long as the list of delinquents is published in a newspaper in the county in which the delinquencies are local and this year no personal notice will be served. The list will be filed with the county treasurer and the sales will be made in May.

Leckie Wilson.
 Will Leckie of the Fourth National bank and Miss Marie Comstock were quietly married at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. E. E. Wilson, on Henry street at noon yesterday, in the presence of a few near relatives and friends. They went to Chicago for a brief visit. Mr. and Mrs. Leckie of Detroit, parents of the groom, were among the guests present.

Death of a Hunker.
 John Cuthen, an Italian, aged 18 years, died suddenly yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, at No. 38 Kent street. The supposed cause of death was an internal swelling with which he had been afflicted some time. He had no relatives in this country. He had been attending a fruit and candy stand near the Kent County Savings bank for several months.

Eagle Boy Tried His Speed.
 Yesterday at 11:30 a. m. Nelson W. Bechtel was driving Maurice Engelman's racer, Eagle Boy, hitched to road wagon, and when opposite the first light factory was there because frightened at a pile of paper in the street and ran away. The wagon was stopped and Mr. Bechtel was entangled in the rig so that he could not free himself.

ARE OUT OF WHACK

An Old Timer Discusses Elections in the

GOOD DAYS BEFORE THE WAR
 Jerry Thomas and His Efforts to Procure Liquid Refreshments for the Voters of Jibe's Crossing.

"Now, I guess I won't go to the speech," remarked one of the old time hangers-on at the Morton last night. "There ain't no fun in politics any more. It's all education and no ginger. I wish we had some of the good old politics now that we used to have before the war. That was politics, and don't you forget it. When anybody made a campaign speech we all went, and didn't care a cuss what party he belonged to. We used to consider it our patriotic duty to take in all the speeches, and never worked for three days after a good, old fashioned election, but there wasn't any liquid refreshments on the side."

He Procured the Juice.
 Jerry just told you what a tip-raring representative he would make, and let it go at that. But some of the boys took him to one side and sort of told him that speech was siver, and all that sort of thing during a campaign; but a jug of corn juice would do more good in a minute than a speech as long as Mark Antony's oration. Jerry was dead broke and didn't have nerve enough to brace the barkeeper. It was a crass for Jerry, and no mistake; but he was equal to it. He borrowed a gun of one of his constituents and went out in the woods. In about an hour he came back dangling a coon skin, and swapped it off for drinks for the crowd. That strengthened his cause 200 per cent; but the boys began to get thirsty again, and Jerry was pretty near as bad off as he was before. But he happened to look down toward the floor and he saw the tail of that coon skin sticking out from a big crack. It was just an old stand they used for a bar. Jerry swiped that coon skin quicker than you could count four. Then he invited all the boys to drink, and the refreshment jerked threw the coon skin into the corner of the bar again. Jerry swiped that same coon skin fourteen times and it tickled the crowd so much that he was elected by over fifty majority. That was a good many votes in those days.

Modern politics is too stale for me. There ain't enough ginger in it."

Music and Oratory.
 At the Hartman hall meeting this evening a first-class give out will render several original and spicy campaign songs. The eloquent senator will have good music to inspire him for argument and oratory, and the audience will be entertained and amused as well as educated and instructed.

Neal Sisters File Mortgages.
 Neal Sisters, the Monroe street milliners, filed chattel mortgages yesterday aggregating \$2,100. The first mortgage was to Marion Neal and is for \$1,600, covering the stock of goods at No. 147 Monroe street. The other was to Julia LeClear for \$500, covering the same stock.

Taken to the Woman's Home.
 Mrs. Kent of No. 54 South Ionia street, a destitute sick woman, was taken to the Woman's Home and Hospital yesterday by order of City Superintendent of the Poor Moerdyke.

THURSDAY OCT 20 1892

Drawing is Taught in Our Public Schools.

Lottery Drawing is now No Longer Allowed.

In non-progressive cities Poor old horses draw The Street Cars.

All the above Drawings are well provided for, but the

DRAWING OF THE BEARD BY A DULL RAZOR

often caused by the want of a suitable Razor Strop, produces excruciating agony. Now to come to the real gist of our subject: We want to tell you that we have in stock the celebrated

HORSE TAIL RAZOR STROPS.

Constructed from tanned horse tail, a material which forms the facing of lapadists' wheels and discussed in cutting and polishing diamonds. It's being used for this purpose is enough of a guarantee that it is the best material for putting an edge on all fine-cutting implements. The No. 2 we sell at 50c. The Oiled Strop at 65c, and the Leather and Canvas at \$1. Come in and see them.

BOYS A PAIR OF SKATES Free or a POCKET KNIFE Free

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